



## Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter

### Welcome back to Spring 1.

Happy New Year and welcome back to another really busy half term.

A new **Learning Log** will be sent out shortly with various challenges for you to complete at home with your child. Alongside these activities it will be important that they also spend time reading on **Active Learn**, completing maths homework on **Mathletics**, continue to practise their times tables (10x, 2x and 5x) and the weekly spellings sent home every Monday.

Last half term the children enjoyed a visit from a nurse who helped them understand the importance of keeping healthy and how to wash their hands thoroughly. During this term we will be trying to secure other visitors into school to help bring our topic work to life.

This half term your child will be covering the topic What's it made of? This topic will be focussing on the children finding out more about materials and their uses in the world in which they live.

In **English** we will be writing formal letters of complaint. We will use the story *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Oliver Jeffers as a stimulus for our writing.

In **Science**, we will be focussing on the topic *Uses of Everyday Materials*. We learn about their properties and how these impact on what each material can be used for. We will then look at ways materials can be recycled.

**Mathematics** will be based on learning about money. Finding different ways to make amounts, giving change and solving simple problems. We will then move on to multiplication and division.

In **DT** we will design and create a 3D representation of an improved classroom. The children will research different products and materials before creating a 3D model to showcase their design.

The **International** part of the topic will enable children to respect a person's individuality and independence as well as be able to work closely with others.

In **PE** children will be playing mini games such as dodgeball. They will master and apply throwing and catching skills and develop simple tactics for attacking and defending.

In **Spanish** children will be learning the Spanish names for different animals and family members.

In **RE** children will learn how and why people pray. They will look at several different religions and the importance that prayer has in

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### Things to remember:

- ☺ PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so please ensure your child's kit is in school.
- ☺ Please sign up for **Class Dojo** if you haven't already done so!
- ☺ Please remember to send children's book bags daily so that they can read to an adult at some point during the week.